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Tribute to late Fredrick C. Schmitz

**Committee(s) Assignment:** 

## Resolution

WHEREAS, In His Infinite Wisdom, Almighty God has granted eternal peace to Frederick C. Schmitz, an outstanding citizen and member of his community, on Monday, April 18, 2011; and,

WHEREAS, The Honorable Thomas Tunney, Alderman of the 44<sup>th</sup> Ward, has informed this august body of the passing of this kind and caring gentleman; and,

WHEREAS, Frederick C. Schmitz, 71 years of age when he made his transition, was the son of the late Marcella Schmitz of downstate Streator, loving godfather to Emily and Nicholas and life partner to Wayne Hall; and,

WHEREAS, Prior to retirement, Frederick C. Schmitz was on the staff of the legendary Palmer House, the iconic Chicago Loop hotel, since 1969. All but two of those years were devoted to booking tour groups and attracting an international clientele. He was quoted in a 1995 Chicago Tribune feature story on the famed hostelry that it was "...fun to sell the Palmer House Hilton because its reputation precedes it"; and,

WHEREAS, Frederick C. Schmitz loved this city and used the contacts he made at the Palmer House to help promote Chicago as an international tourist destination. He made many trips with city officials to bolster tourism in various countries throughout the world; and,

WHEREAS, For more than a quarter century, Frederick C. Schmitz served as president of the condominium association of the Darien, one of the most prestigious high rise residential buildings in the Lakeview/Belmont Harbor neighborhood. After his retirement, he volunteered much of his time and services to St. Clement Catholic Church; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED That we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, gathered together this eighteenth day of April 2012 A.D., do hereby express our sincere sorrow upon hearing of the passing Frederick C. Schmitz and extend or deepest condolences to all those whose lives he has touched; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Wayne Hall.

Thomas M. Tunney Alderman, 44<sup>th</sup> Ward